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ENCODING OF AUDIO SIGNALS
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 12, 2004 for which a period of three months was set to respond ending on June 12, 2004, Applicants request a two-month extension to submit this response. Please amend the above-identified application and enter remarks as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

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